

IASbaba's Daily Quiz

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Q.1) Consider the following statements about 'Narcondam Hornbill'

1. It is endemic to Andaman Islands
2. It is a migratory bird
3. It is listed as 'endangered' according to IUCN

Select the correct statements

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

Q.1) Solution (c)

This species is endemic to the tiny (6.82 km²) island of Narcondam, east of the Andaman Islands, India. It is a non-migratory resident bird. The Narcondam hornbill has the smallest home range out of all the species of Asian hornbills.

IUCN status – Endangered.

Source: <http://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/narcondam-hornbills-edge-back-from-the-brink/article22334830.ece>

Q.2) Agariyas is a group of people known for Salt Farming. They are from which of the following state?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Gujarat
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Odisha

Q.2) Solution (b)

There is a group known as the Agariya in Gujarat that are salt makers in the desert.

Source: <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/in-photos-the-rann-of-the-agariyas/article22334079.ece>

Q.3) Consider the following statements about 'Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE)'

1. It is an inter-governmental organisation
2. The Blue Flag is a certification by the FEE that a beach, marina or sustainable boating tourism operator meets its stringent standards

Select the correct statements

- a) 1 Only
- b) 2 Only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.3) Solution (b)

The Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) is a non-governmental, non-profit organisation promoting sustainable development through environmental education. FEE is active through five programmes; Blue Flag, Eco-Schools, Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE), Learning about Forests (LEAF) and Green Key.

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Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/environment/environment-ministry-launches-pilot-project-for-beach-clean-up/articleshow/62211880.cms>

Q.4) Ticks and mites are actually

- a) Myriapods
- b) Crustaceans
- c) Insects
- d) Arachnids

Q.4) Solution (d)

Arachnids are a class (Arachnida) of joint-legged invertebrate animals (arthropods), in the subphylum Chelicerata. All arachnids have eight legs, although the front pair of legs in some species has converted to a sensory function, while in other species, different appendages can grow large enough to take on the appearance of extra pairs of legs. Spiders are the

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largest order in the class, which also includes scorpions, ticks, mites, harvestmen, and solifuges.

Almost all extant arachnids are terrestrial, living mainly on land. However, some inhabit freshwater environments and, with the exception of the pelagic zone, marine environments as well. They comprise over 100,000 named species.

Q.5) The purpose of the inclusion of Directive Principles of State Policy in the Indian Constitution is to establish:

- a) Political democracy
- b) Social democracy
- c) Gandhian democracy
- d) Social and economic democracy

Q.5) Solution (d)

The idea of Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP) has been borrowed from Irish constitution and enumerated in Part IV (Article 36-51) of our constitution. The concept behind DPSP is to establish a 'Welfare State' rather than a 'Police State' such as of colonial era. In other words, motive behind inclusion of DPSP is to establish social and economic democracy rather than Political democracy. These are the basic principles or instructions to government while formulating laws/policies and executing them.

